

(2) Group II: Claims 29-45; drawn to a method of screening for the abnormally likely presence of SIBO in a human subject; to a method of detecting small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO) in a human subject; to a method of determining the relative severity of SIBO or a SIBO-caused condition in a human subject; and to a kit for the diagnosis of SIBO or a SIBO-caused condition.

Applicant elects without traverse: **Group I.**

Applicant's election is made with a complete reservation of all rights under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 121.

The Examiner further required an election of a single disclosed species:

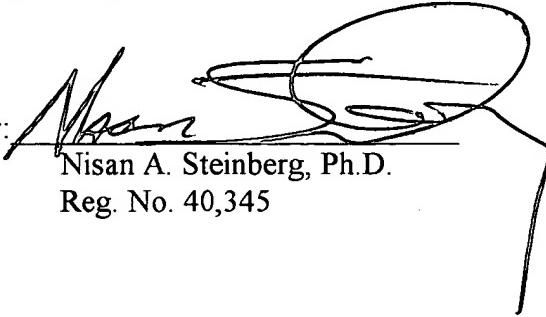
- A. nutrient deprivation (e.g., Claims 1-20);
- B. introduction of disinfectant composition (e.g., Claims 21-24); or
- C. administration of mast cell membrane stabilizer (e.g., Claims 25-28).

Applicant elects: **A. nutrient deprivation**

Applicant's election and the cancellation of Claims 21-45 are made without prejudice, and with a complete reservation of all rights under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 121. Claims 21-45 are cancelled merely because they belong to a non-elected claim group and/or non-elected species. The Examiner noted that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species. The Examiner stated that no claims are generic.

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